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appeal to the independent voters at the election, at the general election, given the large number of independent voters we now have, their candidate probably doesn't have much of a chance. You might as well find that out early as later. And I cannot, I cannot believe that the anomalous situation that we have, where we allow unaffiliated voters to participate in the federal primary elections but not the local elections, the ones that are the very closest to them, can't be defended on any basis. No matter what your love of political party above voters, no matter what your affection for holding the line on budget expenditures at the expense of voters is, you can't rationalize that position. But I suspect that it isn't going to bother 30 of you enough, but we'll see. Maybe Senator Chambers and I won't be the only green votes on this amendment. Maybe there will be two or three other free thinkers. I hope that doesn't bother you, Senator Chambers. Maybe there will be a few more of us who are willing to step outside the box and say things that we want things the way they always were because that's the way they're always going to be and we don't care who it affects.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. You've heard the closing on AM2431 to LB 935. And keep in mind it does require 30 votes. The question before the body is whether that amendment should be adopted. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're on adoption of AM2431. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 30 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment was not adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, other...have other amendments. I have a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken.

SENATOR CUDABACK: (Microphone malfunction)...Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think somebody called the question thinking they're going to brush me off and get rid of me very easily. That vote that